



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 780

LCO No. 2281



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.
SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.
SEN. SLOSSBERG, 14th Dist.
SEN. BYE, 5th Dist.
SEN. FLEXER, 29th Dist.
SEN. COLEMAN, 2nd Dist.

SEN. CASSANO, 4th Dist.
SEN. LEONE, 27th Dist.
SEN. CRISCO, 17th Dist.
SEN. MOORE, 22nd Dist.
SEN. WINFIELD, 10th Dist.
REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 45a-8c of the general statutes be amended to expand
- 2 the Probate Court Truancy Clinic pilot program to (1) give the
- 3 Regional Children's Probate Courts that serve each town designated as
- 4 an alliance district, pursuant to section 10-262u of the general statutes,
- 5 the option of establishing and participating in such a clinic, and (2)
- 6 allow the Probate Court to establish such a clinic in a town designated
- 7 as an alliance district that is not currently served by a Regional
- 8 Children's Probate Court; further that title 10 of the general statutes be
- 9 amended to require the identification of schools located in a town
- 10 designated as an alliance district that have problems with chronic
- 11 absenteeism and to require the local or regional board of education for
- 12 such town to create a district-wide school attendance review team that
- 13 is responsible for developing prevention and intervention plans
- 14 specifically tailored for such schools; and further that title 10 of the

15 general statutes be amended to require the Department of Education to
16 establish, within available appropriations, a state-wide chronic
17 absenteeism prevention and intervention plan to assist local and
18 regional boards of education in reducing chronic absenteeism.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce chronic absenteeism in schools by identifying those schools with chronic absenteeism and the causes of such chronic absenteeism and developing effective solutions.